



## VFC Shield Alert Follow-Up

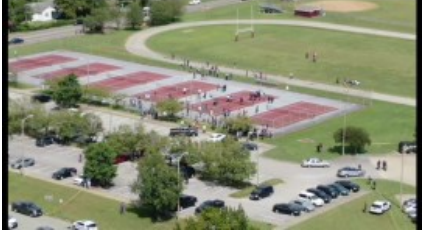
VFC Shield Members,

On September 20th 2021, the Virginia Fusion Center issued an alert for a school shooting that occurred at Heritage High School in Newport News Virginia. The below product, produced in collaboration with Hanover County Shield, serves as an alert follow up giving further details on the incident.



### Alert Follow-Up - Newport News School Shooting

Date of Incident - September 20th, 2021



#### Summary Statement

The Heritage High School in Newport News, Virginia was placed on lockdown at approximately 11:30 am local time on September 20, 2021, after reports of gunfire at the school. Two students sustained gunshot wounds during the shooting, and at least two other students were injured as they

attempted to flee the school. Newport News Police Chief Steve Drew confirmed that the shooter was enrolled at the high school.

#### Attack Overview

A 17-year-old male was grazed on the side of the head by a bullet, while a 17-year-old female sustained a bullet wound to the leg. According to open sources, the shooting took place shortly before lunchtime following a fight between one of the victims and the shooter. As the students were being evacuated to the tennis courts, one student suffered a broken or sprained arm, while another experienced an asthma-related episode. Both were taken to the hospital and later released.

#### Suspect

Open sources have confirmed that the suspect is a 15-year-old male that attended the high school who fled the school after the shooting ocured. The male suspect was transported by a family member to the city's juvenile services later in the afternoon at approximately 2:30 p.m., where he was then transported to police headquarters. After being interviewed by police officials, he has been charged with two counts of aggravated malicious wounding, two counts of use of a firearm to commit a felony, underage possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm in an occupied building, reckless handling of a firearm and carrying a concealed weapon.

#### Additional Details

Police have recovered the firearm after locating it in a trash can outside of the school and classes were cancelled for the rest of the week. School officials allowed students to return to the school on Wednesday and Thursday to pick up their belongings. School officials also provided crisis support teams at the school for students to communicate with while they were there. Newport News Police Chief also confirmed that reports made of shooters at other schools were false.



#### SOURCES:

- Boy charged after shooting at Heritage High School in Newport News
- Police: Heritage High shooting suspect was 15-year-old student, family member took him to authorities
- Boy taken into custody after Virginia school shooting that left 2 wounded, police say

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